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DON MARQUIS

**To our New President:  
CHEERS! AND BEST WISHES  
FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!**

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Don Marquis, our New President, is the head of an automobile agency and an enthusiastic flat saddle rider.

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Our president has been very active on the Membership Committee and the Trailblazer Staff.

He attends Coon Hunts and participates in Horse Shows.

He has a wonderful sense of humor as well as a great sense of responsibility. His ideas are sound and practical, and his energy boundless. There is sincerity and honesty in his efforts to make 1947 a truly great year for the M. H. A.

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### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The honor of being your President for 1947 I greatly appreciate, and I also realize its many responsibilities. To equal the accomplishments of our previous Presidents is no small matter in itself, but I pledge my very best efforts to the task ahead.

Much can be accomplished this year. With your cooperation, we should attain a membership of 1,000 or more active members. More and better trails should be developed, and an accurate map of all trails published. And with the holding of quarterly meetings of the membership with all Directors and Officers in attendance, an Open Forum with free discussion invited should bring forth other worthy aims.

With your cooperation, we can attain great heights.

*DON MARQUIS, President*

**LET'S GET BEHIND OUR ENTHUSIASTIC NEW PRESIDENT  
AND HELP HIM MAKE THIS YEAR A MEMORABLE ONE.  
LET'S BEGIN BY RENEWING OUR MEMBERSHIP !!**

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This new trail begins at the junction of Mountain Boulevard and El Barrancal just below the only house at that point, and can be entered from either Mountain Boulevard or El Barrancal just opposite the Morning Side sign. From there the trail goes through the woods, along the ravine, and again comes out on Mountain Boulevard, just at Palo Seco Circle.

Mr. A. B. Graham, one of M.H.A.'s newest and most active members, asked Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bugeia of the Street Department to have this fine and necessary trail cut for us. A vote of thanks should be given Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bugeia for their good judgment and kindness in granting Mr. Graham's request.

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## JANUARY MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The second meeting of the 1947 Board of Directors was called to order with a full attendance on January 9, at 8 p.m., at the Thrift Federal Savings & Loan Association, 1706 Franklin Street. The new meeting place was secured through the courtesy of Fred Anderson. The appointment of various committees and plans for the coming year were the main items of business.

Vern Chappell was named chairman of the Membership committee. His two assistant chairmen will be: Martin Murray and Lucille Simons. Committee members include: Kay Walling, Willis Nuttall, Jack Richards, and Ted Smith.

On the Trail Blazer staff, Elena Lagorio will act as Managing editor, Blanche Paul will be editor, Vern Chappell will be business manager, with Martin Murray as his assistant.

Archie Brown is again Activities chairman. Each member of his committee will be responsible for one monthly activity under his leadership. Members are: Jimmie Black, Vern Chappell, Stanley Cosca, Harold Cummings, Don Evans, Chris Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Himmelman, and Bill Patten.

More and better trails will again be one of the aims of our organization. Ted Dreyer is your chairman. Frank Colbourn will be assistant chairman. Committee members are: Fred Anderson, Wes Adams, Arthur Denton, Al McCosker, Jack Richards, Howard Robinson, Jack Tann and Earl Hansen.

It was decided by the directors that a new and accurate map of all riding trails should be published this year. Frank Colbourn was appointed as chairman on this project with Blanche Paul as his assistant.

Your president, Don Marquis, suggested that we hold quarterly meetings of the entire membership rather than just the one annual business meeting and dinner dance. A motion to that effect was made by Martin Murray and was approved enthusiastically by the entire board.

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## EVENTS — 1947

- April 27, Napa, Horse Show, Napa Valley Horsemen's Assn.
- May 3 and 4, Escalon, Rodeo, Escalon Horse & Saddle Club.
- May 4, Sonoma, Horse Show, Valley of the Moon Riding Club.
- May 4, Los Angeles, Horse Show, Bit and Bridle Club.
- May 11, Modesto, Rodeo, Stanislaus County Horsemen's Assn.
- May 17, Oakdale, Dance, Oakdale Saddle Club.
- May 18, Oakdale, Rodeo, Oakdale Saddle Club.
- June 1, San Jose, Horse Show, Santa Clara County Horsemen's Assn.
- June 8, Novato, Horse Show, Novato Horsemen Inc.
- June 8, Santa Cruz, Horse Show, Santa Cruz Co.
- June 15, Roseville, Horse Show, Roseville Riders Club.
- June 21 (Nite), Modesto, Horse Show, Modesto Rangers & Polo Club.

## TWO HOUNDS AND A BEAGLE

Something new was added to the hills' activities the evening of January 6 when 14 members of the MHA met at Archie Brown's home to go on a mounted coon hunt.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Hunter (reporters on the Oakland Tribune), Don Marquis, Mrs. Dutch Cummings, Maurice Senecal, and the following who are also members of the Alameda Sheriff's Posse: Art Palmer, Vern Mishler, Bill Senecal, Ernie Reynolds, W. A. Mason, Manuel Sousa and Archie Brown.

Maurice Senecal furnished his two black and tan hounds and Mr. Curry brought along his beagle. The dogs were released at Portuguese flats and off they went in the brilliant moonlight. The musical notes of their baying sent cold chills tingling up the spines of the hopeful hunters. Don Marquis was the only flat saddle rider in the outfit, but he kept up with the leaders, thanks to the sure-footedness of his thoroughbred gelding, Gay Mate.

Noses became a little numb, also ears, but the beauty of the evening and the thrill of the chase made it an expedition to be remembered. The coons???? Well . . . it was a wonderful ride. Mrs. Brown served fresh donuts and coffee to the hunters upon their return, a perfect ending to the grand two and one-half hour hunt.

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## STATE NEWS

One important change that came out of the state convention was the splitting up of three of the regions, making a total of eight regions now, instead of the former five.

The following are the new Regional Vice-Presidents and the territories under their jurisdiction:

Region No. 1—Elzo McCluskey, 539 5th Street, Santa Rosa; Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Lake Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino and the town of Vallejo.

Region No. 2—William Schultes, 1198 Court St., Redding; Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, Trinity, Tehama, Plumas, Butte and Glenn.

Region No. 3—Louis Garino, Roseville; Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Yolo, Sacramento and Solano (minus Vallejo).

Region No. 4—Reuben Sylva, 603 Myrtle St., Modesto; Same as before, all of the San Joaquin Valley Counties down to and including Kern.

Region No. 5—Renon Bacigalupi, 2024 Thompson Way, Richmond; Contra Costa and Alameda.

Region No. 6—Ed Zwierlein, Route 1, Box 988, Redwood City; San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey.

Region No. 7—Eben Coe, P. O. Box 2424, Hollywood; San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles.

Region No. 8—Roscoe Hazard, 2548 Kettner Blvd, San Diego; San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono.

The by-laws require the Regional Vice-Presidents to hold four Regional meetings each year and they should be held about 30 days prior to the quarterly Board of Directors meetings. The quarterly Board meetings will probably be held during the first two weeks of December, March, June, and September.

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## STABLE NEWS

### AAHMES RANGERS REPORTING:

The Aahmes Rangers saw the old year out and the new year in at their Annual New Year's Eve Party at San Antonio Rancho. The clubroom was decorated in gala colors and a buffet supper of hors d'oeuvres roast turkey and baked ham was served, and the evening was spent in informal dancing.

Thirty Rangers rode in the pageant at the East-West Game. Among these riders were two new Rangers: John Dell and Emmett Boger.

On Sunday, the 5th of January, two of the Rangers, Clarence Simons and Glenn Fisher, together with Captain Jimmy Martin, judged the Cressmount's Ninth Annual Holiday Matinee. Captain Martin judged the hunters and jumpers, and Simons and Fisher judged the other events, and although it was apparent that one judge (Fisher) was quite blind and very decrepit, they nevertheless did a very good job.\*

The Rangers now have a new head stable man—his name is Loren Salmons. Mr. Salmons has stabled his very fine half saddlebred Palomino, King's Golden Boy (P.H.A. 1970) at the San Antonio. The stallion is five-gaited and was trained by Louis Robinson of the Younghusband Valley View Farms in Illinois.

\*Editor's Note: Fisher made a big hit with the audience as well as the Cressmount Officials and riders. His jolly spirit and crazy antics were in keeping with the spirit of the traditional "riotous" Holiday Show . . . and Simons was "in there pitching" too! What a couple of swell fellows they turned out to be! How about more of this kind of good feeling and cooperation between riders and stables?

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### THE LARI-ETTES REPORTING:

The Lari-ettes were very busy during the horse show commuting to the Cow Palace to aid in the cheering for Harry and Geneva Menicucci's two Palominos, The Golden Bomber and Golden Cloud, and Jimmy Black's Waspie.

The Golden Bomber won top honors in three classes: The Palomino Silver Equipment, the \$1000 Championship Stake for Palomino Stock Horses, and the Open Parade Class. The Bomber was the only horse in the entire show to win first prize in each class entered.

Frank Parrish is the trainer and he was the only one to ride The Bomber in the show. Golden Cloud won fourth in the Palomino Pleasure Class, also fourth in the \$1000 Championship Stake for Palomino Stock Horses. Harry and Geneva Menicucci also won fourth prize in the Western division best decorated Tack Rooms.

Jimmy Black, who showed Waspie in the Hackamore Class, won 5th out of 23 entries.

Dressed in their best "Bibs and Tuckers," 38 Lari-ettes accompanied by their escorts, attended the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Annual Dinner, Thursday, Dec. 12, 1946, at the Leamington Hotel.

At 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, artistically decorating the tables for the evenin'ng's festivities were three Lari-ettes, Mrs. Damaris Powers, Mrs. Kay Wall'n'g and Miss Meredith Harris. The tables were beautifully decorated with a centerpiece consisting of red holly berries, redwood sprays and tall red candles. The berries and redwood were gathered through the capable efforts of Mrs. Esther Norris and Mrs. Alicia Coffey, which made the table arrangements both beautiful and festive for the holiday season.

All the Lari-ettes were saddened by the absence of their president, Mrs. Elsa Himmelman, whose husband, Gus, was home very ill with a severe attack of Flu, which made it impossible for Elsa to attend this sumptuous annual affair.

The bells really jingled at the Lari-ettes' Xmas Party, held at the Pinto Ranch Club House. It was one of their most successful events of the year and will be long remembered by every Lariette and Escort. The hilarious party consisted of games, dancing, exchange of gifts and refreshments.

Mrs. Geneva Menicucci and Mrs. Virginia Patten were Mrs. Santa Clauses for the distribution of the gifts. Mr. Stanley Cosca did a fine job as Master of ceremonies and Stan recorded all the highlights of the party, for the Lari-ettes' Album of memories.

There were many beautiful ballads sung by Mr. Walter Powers, accompanied at the piano by Mr. Bormey Weisgerber. Walter dedicated the ballad "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" to Elsa Himmelman, who was absent because husband Gus was still very ill with a severe attack of Flu.

There also were many, many surprises, but one of the biggest surprises of the evening, was an enormous birthday cake for Mr. Walter Powers surprise birthday.

Mrs. Jack Richards who had a birthday the same day was also included in the many rounds of congratulations.

To make the evening complete, at midnight hot ham sandwiches and coffee with all the trimmings were served to the complete satisfaction of every guest. Capably handling the service were Mesdames Florence Cosca, Virginia Patten, Geneva Menicucci, and Betty Patten.

Mrs. Jack Richards a member of the Lari-ettes' Club, recently donated her horse "Chief" to the Shrine Club for the "Nob Caps" Money Raising Fund.

Mrs. Richards and "Chief" accompanied by her Granddaughter, Marlene, who was riding "Ione", took their last ride together to say farewell to "Chief" the day before he was sent away.

The Lari-ettes extend a warm welcome to two new members who recently joined their club. They are Mrs. Albert Weisgerber and Mrs. Ashley Corrie.

Mrs. Weisgerber and Mrs. Corrie recently stabled their horses at the Pinto Ranch Stables. The Lari-ettes hope to see them enjoying many rides on the scenic trails.

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## **PRIVATE STABLES REPORTING:**

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. (Claude and Pat) Jones have two of their saddlebreds in training with Lee Sole of the Royal Oak Stables at Sacramento. The horses are half brother and sister - both out of the Kentucky bred mare, Blazing Peavine. Lucky Holiday is a three-year-old stallion by Peavine's Highland Noble and King's Serenade, a yearling filly, is by Del Monties King.

A Christmas present for the Jones' family was presented by Cocoa, their standard bred mare, when she foaled a fine bay colt with a white star on Christmas night. The colt has been named Coki (with a long "i"), a combination of the dam's and sire's names - the sire being their saddlebred Del Monties King.

Dorothy Kaehler and Bucky Johnstone have a new horse in their stable, a five-year-old thoroughbred mare, given to them by Earl Hansen named Rusty Nickel. They haven't decided as yet which half belongs to whom. Bucky is looking forward to two foals this spring. Her brown mare Smoky is in foal to Don, a palomino owned by Jack Tann. Tarda, her saddlebred mare, expects to become the mother of the first foal by Rahamis, a three-year-old arabian stallion of Jack Tann's.

The James H. Kempthornes recently moved into their home on Rifle Lane and the horses into their stable. Jimmy is enjoying his mount, Walk-away, that fiery son of Hightone Denmark, which he purchased from Dr. LeDonne. Mrs. Kempthorne's bay daughter of Odin McDonald makes a beautiful match for him. They call her Miss Chief. The Kempthornes also have two piebald shetland ponies for their two small sons. Twinkle is a yearling filly, and Ruthie, a five-year-old mare and in foal.

John and Elizabeth Frampton frequently refer to their place on Palo Seco as their zoo and well they might. Queen of the establishment without question is their saddlebred Devil's Autumn Glory, a tall, flashy chestnut filly coming three. She is by Adorable Devil and out of Golden Glory of Charmeron. Devy, as they call her, has been broken to sulky and has been ridden a few times.

Then there are the shetlands—three in number. Shelia Beghtol, the older mare, is well known in the show ring. Her daughter, Shelia's Shenanigan, also piebald, was sired by Billet Daux. The Framptons also have a black yearling son of Shelia's named Shelia's Fable Victory. He is by Dark Victory and Shelia is again in foal to him. If they get another black, they are thinking of calling it Repeat Performance.

Another interesting member of the Framptons' animal family is Neferiti, their smooth-coated saluki dog. Her competitor is Muff, a white Maltese terrier. Then there are the three cats—two Siamese, and one half Manx. Smallest and last on the list are the fantail pigeons. Facts speak for themselves—they are a grand pair of animal lovers—the kind of people you would like to sell your favorite horse to, if you had to give him up yourself.

Hazel Dehy has a nice colt out of her thoroughbred mare and Mr. Schoonover's Poncho. She is a darling little filly, six month old now, and registered as a Half Morgan. However, Miss Dehy may later put her in as a Quarter-horse.

**CRESSMOUNT REPORTING:**

Crop and Saddle, University of California riding classes, gave a horse show on Sunday afternoon, December 15, in the Cressmount Umbrella. Judge was Mr. Van Den Berg of San Francisco; Ring Clerk was Barbara Bechtel; Ring Master was Phyllis Van Fleet; Ribbon Clerk, Dede Brandes; Paddock Clerks were Pat Smith and Analee Freeman.

Taking part in the show were: Ada Bachman, Barbara Brelsford, Vivian Dubinsky, Nancy Emerson, Vera Garcia, Marion Lutz, Anita Navon, Ruth Stage, Terry Weidemann, Helen Wheeler, Frances Williams, Beverly Winzler. The Intermediate riders were: Blossom Amsbaugh, Ruth Bergfield, Lillian Larson, Mary Jane McCollough, Bernice Nebiker, Dolores Newman, Elizabeth Ross, Margery Service, Harriet Shafer, Rose Snow, Evelyn Strand. The Advanced riders were: Jean Anderson, Nancy Doyle, Nina Eloesser, Barbara Enloe, Analee Freeman, Pat Gale, Hope Griffin, Jackie Grover, Coralee Haines, Connie Hartwell, Dale Hays, Jean Kaufman, Pat Mallon, Jean McTaggart, Lisa Picard, Pat Smith, Beverly Stevenson and Marilyn Victor. In the jumping group: Molly Mulford, Sally Allen, Pat Brandes, Jakie Gabelman, Elizabeth Harrison, Marie DeBonis, and Peter Lert helped with the show. Other helpers were: Ann Conwell, Janet and Joyce Moore, Dede Brandes, Flo DeBonis, Win Johnson, Bud Bahnsen and Bob White.

Miss Cornelia Cress rode the wonder horse, Indian, who performed as the school horse, the schooled horse, and the stock horse. Dr. Anna Espenschade of the University is in charge of classes, and Miss Mary Lou Hutton is instructor.

Fathers were honored in the Ninth Annual Holiday Matinee, a goodwill entertainment, held at Cressmount Stables January 5th. The class for fathers who have not ridden for ten years was made up of Grandfather Skuce as proxy for Father Downer, Fathers Gorie, McKenzie, Lormer, Reim, Smith, Conwell, Bache, Mulford, and Brandes—good sportsmen all! The M.H.A. welcomes them and hopes they continue riding.

The judges were Captain Jimmie Martin of the U. S. Cavalry, Clarence E. Simons, and Mr. Glenn Fisher. Ringmaster was Peter Lert; Ring Clerk was Irene Lagorio; Ribbon Clerks were Karen Anderson and Sheila Derieg; Number Clerk was Bob White; Paddock Clerk was Mr. Archie Brown; and Herald was Bill Rohr. Miss Cornelia Cress directed the show, assisted by the committee: Bud Bahnsen, Elizabeth Harrison, Mary Lou Hutton, Patricia Nuttall, Jeanne Pollard, and Mrs. J. Windrim Smith.

Events consisted of jumpers and pleasure horse pairs in which Shongehon and Pegasus Patrol riders appeared; teams of three hunters: The Onion Hunt, Scarlet Scavenger Hunt, Old Fashioned Hunt, Quorm Hunt, and the Flying Redstone Hunt; the Upson Downs Exhibition Drill: Johnson's Hippos, the Boresome Foursome, the D. T. Kids, Black and White, and Four Roses; Hot Dogs a Cheval, Pegasus Patrol; Snatch, Junior Shongehon; and the Carrot Tree.

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Others appearing in the show were Virginia Abel, Sue Boillot, Margo Brewer, Audrey and Wood Buckles, Mary Gale, Lorraine Harris, E. C. N. Hawkins, Winifred Johnson, Don Schwimley, Erna and Robert Van Den Berg.

After the show, the riders and guests enjoyed hot cider and doughnuts served in the ring. Cressmount is now looking forward to its Ninth Annual Bit and Spur Horse Show to be held March 23.

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**SHONGEHON REPORTING:**

At a meeting held at the Cressmount Stables on December 28th, new officers were elected as follows: Sally Allen, President; Sue Allen, Secretary; Pat Brandes, Treasurer; and Mollie Mulford, Publicity Chairman.

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**LEONA REPORTING:**

Before a crackling fire in the grate at the Playhouse, the rumpus room of Pearl and Art Palmer in Maywood Street, the Leona Riders gathered for their annual Christmas get-together. The fireplace, barbecue pit, and bar were decorated with snow and Christmas trees. After the traditional Tom and Jerrys, the merry crowd voted to dispense with the business meeting.

A buffet supper of delicious ham, baked beans, salads, hot bread, chocolate cake, and coffee, was enjoyed by the riders. Mr. and Mrs. Art Palmer were assisted by Mrs. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Cowell, Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Waldren, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brown, and Miss Opal Brown.

The January meeting will be planned by a committee consisting of Mrs. L. Studley, Miss Bobbie Santos, and Mr. Ray Ferreira.

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**PIEDMONT STABLES REPORTING:**

Our heartiest congratulations to Don Marquis, our new M.H.A. President. We feel sure that the job Don is going to do this year will be a good one. May we also add, we are very happy to have Don as a member of our barn.

A piano, gifted to Butch Black by his parents Jimmy and Tiny Black, was delivered on December 8th, with Gus and Elsa Himmelman playing Santa Claus. The movers were Jerry Funk, Don Street, Bob Phillips, Frank Himmelman, Mr. C Hibbard and Jimmy Black. Scotty Black donated his truck for the event. Butch was so thrilled, all he could say was, "Thanks, fella's."

Bill Patten and his brother Jimmy made a trip to Oregon a few weeks ago, delivering two horses to Rogue. Mrs. Jimmy Patten and son, Donny, spent the weekend with Ginnie Patten.

Donald Allen has a new mare stabled at the Piedmont. Bet he'll be roping off her this summer.

Another successful Christmas party was held for the Piedmont boarders at the Club House in Carey Canyon. There were fifty guests present. Ginnie Patten and Tiny Black played Santa Claus and everyone received a gift. There was singing and dancing by all present.

A lovely New Year's dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fatten to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bakke and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Black and boys, and Bob Kack. Mrs. Patten really did justice to her first turkey and trimmings.

Jim Black is training Nat Fairbairn's horse, Bobbie, to dance to music. Jim and Bobbie make a great team.

The Piedmont Stables extend a hearty welcome to the following new boarders: Dr. and Mrs. Emmet Allen and "Yolo," Mr. Milner J. Anderson and "Willie," Mr. Wm. Nettles and his two mares, and Miss Sally Wright and "Cinder." Welcome, folks!

Last but not least—Bill Patten is the proud owner of a new registered American Quarter Stallion: Stormy P. No. 5615 AQHA,—and Jim Black is the proud owner of a registered American Quarter mare: Wasp B. No. 5517 AQHA. Congratulations, Bill and Jim!

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